PART B—BURDEN SHARING

SEC. 911. REDUCTION IN AUTHORIZED END STRENGTH FOR THE NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN EUROPE

(a) REDUCTION REQUIRED.—Section 1002(c)(1) of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (22 U.S.C. 1928 note), is amended by striking out "326,414" and inserting in lieu thereof "311,855".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on September 30, 1991.

22 USC 1928 note.

SEC. 912. ACTIVE-DUTY FORCES IN EUROPE OF MEMBER NATIONS OF NATO

22 USC 1928 note.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), at the initiative of the President, have presented to the nations of the Warsaw Pact a comprehensive proposal concerning reductions in conventional forces in Europe for consideration in the negotiations on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE).

(2) An agreement based on that proposal would significantly enhance security and stability in Europe and the cause of peace worldwide.

(3) Irrespective of developments in the CFE negotiations, several member nations of NATO are considering making significant unilateral reductions over the next several years in the number of their active-duty forces in Europe.

(4) Such unilateral reductions in active-duty forces before an agreement on CFE enters into force would—

(A) undercut efforts by NATO to improve its conventional defense posture in Europe, increase reliance by NATO on the threat of the early use of nuclear weapons to deter aggression, and undermine the NATO arms control negotiating posture in the CFE negotiations; and

(B) exacerbate longstanding burdensharing tensions among member nations of NATO.

(5) Despite shifts in relative economic power from the United States to some of the major allies of the United States, the costs of mutual defense continue to be borne disproportionately by the United States.

(6) Adjustments in burdensharing are long overdue.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

(7) The term "active-duty forces in Europe" means those active-duty military personnel assigned to permanent duty ashore in European member nations of NATO, except that such term does not include INF-related forces.

(8) The term "INF-related forces" means those active-duty military personnel assigned to permanent duty ashore in European member nations of NATO who are to be demobilized or withdrawn from Europe as a result of the elimination of the intermediate-range nuclear weapons of the United States pursuant to the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of their Intermediate-range and Shorter-range Missiles, signed on December 8, 1987 (commonly referred to as the "INF Treaty").

(9) The term "U.S. end-strength level in Europe" means the actual number of active-duty forces in Europe of the Armed Forces of the United States at the end of a fiscal year.

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